Statement-II

Occupations/processes employing children of 5-14 year age group and the number of children employed therein

SI. No.	Name of Occupation/ Processes	No. of children employed
1.	Domestic workers	185505
2.	Dhabas/Restauants/Hotels/Motels	70934
3.	Agarbatti, Dhoop & Detergent making	13583
4.	Pan, Bidi & Cigarettes	252574
5.	Spinning/weaving	128984
6.	Construction	208833
7.	Brick-klins, tiles	84972
8.	Gem-cutting, Jewellary	37489
9.	Carpet-making	32647
10.	Auto-workshop, vehicle repairs	49893
11.	Ceramic	18894
12.	Others	135162
	TOTAL	1219470*

*This data is indicative as the list of hazardous occupations and processes as given in Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 do not entirely match with the occupational classification in the Census Data.

Substandard material/work under PMGSY

1605. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Quality Monitor had reported use of substandard material/work under PMGSY;

(b) the areas that have been highlighted by the National Quality Monitor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that loss amounting to Rs. 450 crore in the purchase of low quality bitumen under PMGSY has surfaced in Chhattisgarh and other States; and

(d) if so, the details in that regard and the corrective measures taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The areas of deficiency that have been highlighted by the National Quality Monitor are:

(i) Compaction of earthwork in embankment.

(ii) Gradation of G-ll & III material in WBM.

(iii) Less compaction of shoulder.

(iv) Non use of hot mix plant and paver in Bituminous works.

(c) and (d) No such report is available with the Ministry.

Dwindling ground water table

1606. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether ground water table is dwindling every year;

(b) if so, the details thereof between 2000 and 2005;

(c) whether the drawing of water higher than specified by the Cola companies at various places is also a contributing fact for the lower level ground water tables;

(d) what is the difference between an underground water table in the areas adjacent to Cola companies and at other places in each State;

(e) whether this is contributing to the shortage of underground water to the agricultural activities in those areas; and